

WE CLAIM:

- 1 1. A license plate cover, comprising:
2 a frame having a periphery and an inner side for disposal adjacent a license
3 plate; and
4 an elastomeric gasket disposed on the inner side near the periphery, the gasket
5 having first and second elongate compression ribs which protrude inwardly from the
6 inner side.
- 1 2. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein an inwardmost surface of
2 the second compression rib is oriented in a plane inward relative to an inwardmost
3 surface of the first compression rib.
- 1 3. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the gasket has a periphery
2 and a raised rim in a plane inward that of the first and second compression ribs,
3 wherein the raised rim is located around the periphery of the gasket.
- 1 4. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the first and second
2 elongate compression ribs are V-shaped.
- 1 5. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the inner side of the frame
2 includes at least one elongate channel, the elastomeric gasket being injection molded
3 into the channel.

1 6. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the license plate cover
2 further comprises a plurality of holes for receiving respective fasteners to a vehicle
3 license plate mounting bracket, the gasket laterally surrounding the holes.

1 7. The license plate cover of Claim 6, wherein the frame has an outer
2 side, the plurality of holes each including a stepped opening with a first level and a
3 second level formed inwardly from the first level, each hole having a sidewall of
4 nongasket material extending at least from the second level to the inner side, wherein
5 said sidewall prevents the fasteners from overcompressing the gasket and fracturing
6 the frame.

1 8. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the gasket surrounds a
2 majority of the frame leaving a bottom portion open.

1 9. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the second compression
2 rib is disposed laterally exteriorly of the first compression rib.

1 10. The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the inner side of the frame
2 includes two elongate channels, the elastomeric gasket being molded into both said
3 channels.

1 11. A license plate cover, comprising:
2 a transparent frame having a front, an outer side and an inner side; and

3 a colored elastomeric gasket adhered onto the inner side such that a band of
4 color is visible through the frame from the front of the license plate cover.

1 12. The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the gasket is formed from
2 a rubber with an ultraviolet inhibitor.

1 13. The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the gasket is formed of
2 TEA.

1 14. The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the inner side of the
2 transparent frame includes at least one elongate channel, the colored elastomeric
3 gasket being injection molded into the channel so as to closely adhere to the inner side
4 of the frame.